

What is Claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for duplicating a user environment in a first  
2 computer system, said method comprising:  
3 collecting user environment data from the first computer  
4 system, the collecting performed by a computer  
5 program; and  
6 storing the user environment data on a removable  
7 nonvolatile media.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the collecting includes:  
2 identifying attributes to include in the user environment  
3 data.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:  
2 restoring the user environment data stored by the first  
3 computer system onto a second computer system.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first computer system  
2 includes a UNIX operating system.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the collecting is performed  
2 for a plurality of users, each of the plurality of users  
3 having one or more accounts on the first computer system.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the user environment data  
2 includes at least one of printer definitions, tty  
3 definitions, network interfaces, user passwords, and  
4 license information.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:  
2 transporting the removable nonvolatile media from the first  
3 computer system to a second computer system;  
4 loading the removable nonvolatile media in a device capable  
5 of reading the media; and

6       restoring the user environment data from the removable  
7               nonvolatile media to the second computer system.

- 1       8. An information handling system, said system comprising:  
2               one or more processors;  
3               an operating system operable by the processors;  
4               a memory accessible by the processors;  
5               a removable nonvolatile storage device accessible by the  
6               processors;  
7               a user environment duplication tool for duplicating user  
8               environment data in a first computer system, the tool  
9               including:  
10               means for collecting user environment data from the  
11               first computer system, the collecting performed  
12               by a computer program; and  
13               means for storing the user environment data on a  
14               removable nonvolatile media.

- 1       9. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the  
2               collecting includes:  
3               means for identifying attributes to include in the user  
4               environment data.
- 1       10. The information handling system of claim 8, further  
2               comprising:  
3               means for restoring the user environment data stored by the  
4               first computer system onto a second computer system.
- 1       11. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the  
2               first computer system includes a UNIX operating system.

1   12. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the  
2   means for collecting is performed for a plurality of users,  
3   each of the plurality of users having one or more accounts  
4   on the first computer system.

1   13. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the  
2   user environment data includes at least one of printer  
3   definitions, tty definitions, network interfaces, user  
4   passwords, and license information.

1   14. The information handling system of claim 8, further  
2   comprising:

3   means for transporting the removable nonvolatile media from  
4   the first computer system to a second computer system;  
5   means for loading the removable nonvolatile media in a  
6   device capable of reading the media; and  
7   means for restoring the user environment data from the  
8   removable nonvolatile media to the second computer  
9   system.

1   15. A computer program product stored on a computer operable  
2   medium, the computer program product programmed to  
3   duplicate a user environment in a first computer system,  
4   said computer program product comprising:

5   means for collecting user environment data from the first  
6   computer system, the collecting performed by a  
7   computer program; and  
8   means for storing the user environment data on a removable  
9   nonvolatile media.

- 1    16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the  
2        collecting includes:  
3            means for identifying attributes to include in the user  
4                environment data.
- 1    17. The computer program product of claim 15, further  
2        comprising:  
3            means for restoring the user environment data stored by the  
4                first computer system onto a second computer system.
- 1    18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the means  
2        for collecting is performed for a plurality of users, each  
3        of the plurality of users having one or more accounts on  
4                the first computer system.
- 1    19. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the user  
2        environment data includes at least one of printer  
3        definitions, tty definitions, network interfaces, user  
4        passwords, and license information.
- 1    20. The computer program product of claim 15, further  
2        comprising:  
3            means for transporting the removable nonvolatile media from  
4                the first computer system to a second computer system;  
5            means for loading the removable nonvolatile media in a  
6                device capable of reading the media; and  
7            means for restoring the user environment data from the  
8                removable nonvolatile media to the second computer  
9                system.